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## FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FOR THE CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM, February 27, 2006** - The Cibola National Forest will implement Fire Restrictions effective 8:00 am Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Cibola National Forest Supervisor Nancy Rose explained, "Since the weather outlook calls for warmer temperatures and continued dry conditions, we feel it is necessary to take these precautions." **Stage I Fire Restrictions will be in effect** for the Mt. Taylor, Magdalena, Mountainair, and Sandia Ranger Districts as well as the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. Those restrictions are as follows:

### **Open Campfire Restrictions:**

Campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires **are prohibited** on national forest lands, except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided.

Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed. Please contact the Cibola National Forest for more details regarding where fires are allowed.

### **Smoking Restrictions:**

Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material.

### **Fireworks:**

As always, fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands.

Please contact Mark Chavez at the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's office (505) 346-3900, for additional information.

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